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Letter from Antoinette Rotan Peterson, New York, New York, to Anne Whitney, Shelburne, New Hampshire, 1908 September 12

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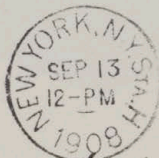
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Miss Anne Whitney

Shelburne

New Hampshire



the second engagement in the
family this summer - causing
much commotion - and then
down to New York through dust
and heat to attend to all sorts
of tiresome business -

But I have delayed not so much
on account of all these things as
hoping that we might really
see our way clear to accept
your most kind and lovely
and altogether unprecedented
bidding to come to you again
and spend a little more time
seeing the neighborhood of your
beautiful place. It is true that
we are without a foothold

[Sept. 12, 1908]

4 WEST FIFTIETH STREET.

New York

Dear Miss Whitney

This is too bad of me!
Your letter is looking up at me
with reproachful eyes!
But what a set of complications
we did go back to - a house
spilling over with company - a
baby sick with bronchitis - then
a sudden ^{call} for my father to return
to the South so that we had to
fly down to Boston to say
goodbye to him and to
inspect another sister's fiancé.

in the country now. that we are looking
for a place and that we have seen
none we like so well as your Shelburne.

But the time between the middle of
September and the first of October is all
taken up. A letter today from a friend who
has naughtily kept me waiting, appoints
the 24th to the 30th as the term of her visit
and there are other engagements of longer standing
between the 15th and 25th. Dr. Peterson

must return to New York on the 1st
I too must come down again to put my
little girl in school and shall indeed have
no time to call my own before the 12th of October.

If you are still at Shelburne after that
and still feel indulgent towards me - but
that is more than I can in reason expect -
But I should have two main reasons for
wishing to come, - the first and more important
one of which you know - the other being
to look over Miss Gates's property?
We stayed in Boston at the Somerset Hotel
hard by your Seif Ericsson, standing on his
dragon ship - Your letter does not speak of
Mrs. Dargan. Have I your permission to reveal
anything you told me to Mr. Brownell? I can
make it a point to see him next time I come down
and would like to know if you wish me to
address him about Mrs. Dargan. I may tell you,
since it is no secret, that Mr. Brownell's own
wife has been insane these many years.

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The sympathy he already feels for
her, ^{it} would only be increased by
a knowledge of her situation -
Moreover he is the very apostle of
discretion -

Dr. Peterson joins me in
affectionate and grateful remembrance
to you, dear Miss Whitley, and
I am most truly and faithfully yours

Antoinette Rodan Peterson

September 12th